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In re Application of BAILEY et al

U.S. Application No.: 10/509,788

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This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 16 December 2002, applicant filed international application PCT/US02/40107, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 12 April 2002. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 12 October 2004.

On 01 August 2003, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) received national stage papers for international application PCT/US02/40107 from the above-identified law firm. The Transmittal Letter identified the attorney docket number as "60096-008".

On 30 September 2004, DO/EO/US received national stage papers international application PCT/US02/40107 from the above-identified law firm. The Transmittal Letter identified the attorney docket number as "60096-011".

## **DISCUSSION**

The submission of two different sets of application papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper.

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## **CONCLUSION**

A proper response must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this communication. A proper response must specify which application will continue to be processed under 35 U.S.C. 371. Failure to timely file a proper response will result in ABANDONMENT of the applications. Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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